GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:264
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
RAPE VICTIMS OF GUJARAT RIOTS
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the six member fact finding team who visited Gujarat, women were subjected to `unimaginable, inhuman, barbaric` sexual violence during the recent communal carnage in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a majority of rape victims were burnt alive;

(d) if so, whether the visiting team recorded the testimonies of women survivors from seven relief camps in six districts; and

(e): if so, the action being contemplated by the Government against these barbaric crimes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. I. D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e): It seems that the question refers to the visit of a delegation from CPI (M) along with the leaders of the All India Democratic Women`s Association to Gujarat on 10-12, March, 2002. The delegation comprised of Shri Subodh Roy, MP and 5 other members. The delegation submitted its report to the Governor of Gujarat on 12.3.2002. A copy of this report was sent to the Union Home Minister by Shri Somnath Chatterjee, MP, under his letter dated 15.3.2002. A copy of the above letter of the Hon`ble MP along with a copy of the report of the delegation was forwarded to the State Government by this Ministry for immediate action.